



**Education to
Empowerment Update**

*Presentation to the Committee of the Whole
December 9, 2014*

What is Education to Empowerment?

- Connects the influence of charitable-minded women to make a difference in the lives of women by combining their resources through mentoring, role modeling and financial commitment
- Established with a goal to invite 100 women of influence to join together to establish annual scholarships for women
- A goal to generate \$100,000 annually in support of women to complete their goals and dreams of obtaining a degree in higher education
- Committee meets three times per year for social, networking and educational seminars, lectures or self-enrichment opportunities

How Does It Work?

- One hundred percent (100%) of all gifts are dedicated to current use scholarships.
- Each scholarship is valued at up to \$8,000 – up to \$4,000 as needed for academic expenses in the student's sophomore year at MCC and up to \$4,000 as needed for academic expenses in the student's junior year at a four-year accredited college or university.

Who is Eligible?

- Must be a MCC female student entering their sophomore year
- Must have a cumulative 3.25 GPA at the completion of their freshman year and maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA through sophomore year
- Must submit a 300 word essay outlining their personal and career goals
- Must be willing to participate in mentoring at two meetings of the Education to Empowerment Committee annually

Success Stories

- Currently in second year at MCC
- 54 members
- Raised over \$ 82,000 and awarded six \$8,000 scholarships to date
- Expanding promotional efforts to community (video)



Education to Empowerment Video

<http://youtu.be/Lwflmnx1TPQ>